

Question 9: Pesticide Law Worksheets

Reference:

Applying Pesticides Correctly - Private Applicator Supplement
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FIFRA

The Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) is the law passed by Congress in 1947 and substantially amended in 1972, 1975, 1978, 1988, and 1996 that regulates the registration, manufacture, sale, transportation, and use of pesticides. FIFRA is administered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Major Provisions of FIFRA

Under FIFRA, the EPA must register pesticides and pesticide uses and all pesticides must be used only as directed on the labeling. EPA must classify as “restricted use” those pesticides that, even when used as directed on the product labeling, may cause unreasonable adverse effects to the environment, including humans. Anyone who buys or uses a restricted use pesticide (RUP) must be certified in an applicable pest control category or be directly supervised by a person with such certification. In Utah, private applicators are the only licensed applicators that may supervise the use of RUPs by unlicensed applicators. States may establish stricter standards governing pesticides, but not more permissive standards. Persons who use pesticides in a way that is “inconsistent with the pesticide labeling” are subject to penalties.